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APPLICANT: S. Lyngstadaas et al.

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EXAMINER: G. Ewoldt

FOR: MATRIX PROTEIN COMPOSITIONS FOR GRAFTING

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated April 18, 2001. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

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47. (amended) A method according to claim 28 wherein the preparation of an active enamel substance comprises at least one substance selected from the group consisting of amelogenins, proline-rich non-amelogenins, tuftelin, tuft proteins, serum proteins, salivary proteins, amelin, ameloblastin, sheathlin, and derivatives thereof.

REMARKS

Claim 47 has been amended. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendment.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement. It is believed all the pending claims could be searched and examined together without undue burden. It also would save considerable time and expense for both the Office and Applicants to have all the pending claims considered at this time. Reconsideration of the Restriction is solicited.